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Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 26—Bandleader Erskine Hawkins joined citizens of Birmingham in their campaign for a public swimming pool at Tuxedo park when he appeared here recently with his band. The bandleader signed the first petition which is to be presented to the park and recreation board here today. The pool be opened and maintained for Negroes.

A citizens committee led by the Southern Negro Youth congress is distributing the petitions for thousands of signatures. The place where the pool is located was made famous by Erskine Hawkins in the perennial favorite, "Tuxedo Junction."

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

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A most serious need in the city of Sylacauga today and a need that could be easily and inexpensively remedied, is for a park and playgrounds for the colored population. Particularly does this apply to the youth among this group, and since the colored men and boys are entering their country's services along with those from the white people, it is fitting that we give proper consideration to their families.

Parks, playgrounds and organized recreation has been nationally acclaimed as the best preventive of juvenile delinquency and also a means to alleviate boredom, lonesomeness and discontent in the adult members of families who are divided as a result of war. It affords healthy out-door entertainment as well as a common meeting ground for the promotion of neighborliness and friendship, and neighborliness and friendship promotes good citizenship.

The immediate availability for a park-playground for the colored would be the East Highland School grounds. This likes much of being all that could be desired since it is so lacking in shade, but if properly arranged for, could be made ideal for late afternoon and early evening when it would be used most. It would require lighting and drinking fountains foremost, to which many other smaller essentials could be added. The distance for wiring is within the restrictions required and the same applies to piping for water — in fact it could be accomplished in the matter of hours with negligible expense.

The parents, teachers, students and Boy Scouts of the East Highland School, together with volunteers from the various churches would willingly do the necessary policing of the grounds and oversee the recreational activities. There is room for games, picnics, concerts and many other social activities for which these people are so starved.

More than once have we brought to the attention of the proper authorities the need for additional parks and playgrounds for both white and colored, but such needs come under the heading of humane contributions and they have no political value. But this time the appeal has been made to certain women leaders who have at heart first and foremost the welfare of the community and its citizens and they feel, as do we, that planning is non-essential unless

there is a faithful intent towards carrying those plans to successful conclusion.

All that is asked of a wealthy administration at the present time is to make available to the colored citizens, lights and water that they may enlarge thereupon to obtain a place and means for recreation and relaxation. The watershed, will see that this is obtained, and to them will go the acknowledged gratitude of a race, a people and a community.

June 11, 1943

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Charlotte, N. C., Observer
June 13, 1943

THREATEN SUIT ON NEGRO PARK

White Property Owners Say
They Will Seek Damages unless Location Is Changed.

White property owners in the Harding Place area were preparing to go ahead yesterday with their threat of a suit against the city director, and called at the request of their plans for location of a Negro play area along Pearl street.

Frank McCleneghan, attorney for the protest group, said that suit for recovery of alleged damages that will grow out of use of the site as a Negro park definitely will be filed in behalf of the property owners whose lands adjoin the proposed play area.

"We expected the park board to give us a chance to present our case," Mr. McCleneghan said, referring to a letter mailed commissioners last week in which suit was threatened unless conferences were reopened, "but, thus far, they haven't even answered our letter."

He added: "We're going to file action for recovery of damages. I don't know the exact date on which the suit will be started, but I do know that the matter won't be allowed to drop."

His clients, he repeated, are not opposed to a Negro park—they're willing to help the park board provide one—but they maintain that the Pearl street site is unsuitable for a number of reasons including improper drainage and nearness to the white property.

Park officials, on the other hand, have approved the site which was obtained after lengthy negotiation with Thompson orphanage heads, and are proceeding with development of the property.

Sumter Be Daily
June 19 1943

Number Of Children Enjoying Sumter Playground

The summer playground for colored boys and girls of Sumter opened on June 14th with a large number of children enrolled. Elise Brisbane is playground instructor. Community center activities are held daily from 9 to 12 in the morning and 3 to 6 in the afternoon. Parents are urged to send their children to the center. The program is sponsored by the city.

Miami Fla. Herald
June 12 1943

Playground Program Planned For Negro Children of Miami

Presaging the first unified effort to provide a recreational program for negro children, the active summer program has been planned by that organization using Booker T. Washington school courts Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p. m. and Saturdays from 6 to 8 a. m. Dancing each Monday night will be arranged for negro youth at U. N. I. A. hall, Fourth ct. and 19th st., N. W. Regular activities of the glee clubs and employed girls clubs will continue. It is anticipated that recreational facilities to be made available through the recently approved appropriation to the public school system by the Lanham act, will add materially to public playground supervision for negroes as well as white children in Dade county, Mrs. Moore stated.

This was revealed during a committee meeting held in the office of Mrs. T. V. Moore, city welfare director, and called at the request of Mrs. Dale James, public relations secretary of the Community Chest. In attendance, besides Mrs. Moore, were Pete Roberts, city recreation director; Miss Helen Armstrong, Dale James, and Eddie Daniels and Lorene Smith.

SUPERVISORS EMPLOYED

In reply to a question as to what facilities are now being offered negroes, Roberts stated his division has employed three trained playground supervisors for this work. They are Manatee Bannerman, negro, who will have charge of Dixie and Dorsey parks; Roderick Silva, negro, in charge of recreation at Liberty City; William Holton, negro, playground supervisor at the school in Coconut Grove. He added that Silva had been sent for training to the National Recreational conference in Atlanta this spring, and is in charge of the work at all upon by City Commissioner Morgan's department as the "Ensley Stables," to the Park Board for conversion into a Negro playground Wednesday had been agreed and three locations for supervised play arranged for negroes this summer. In addition, it was suggested that the land to the board some time ago and at its last meeting the board voted to accept the offer and expressed its appreciation to the city commissioner.

YWCA TO ASSIST

YWCA representatives agreed to assist in locating volunteers among negro people willing to assist in this work for prevention of juvenile delinquency. Registration files of the Civilian Defense council will be consulted to find negro volunteers. The property is located about half way between Ensley and Pratt City and adjoins a paved road and is ideally suited as a playground for Negro residents of several communities in that section, according to Mr. Morgan and members of the Park Board.

Both Mrs. Moore and Roberts pledged full co-operation. Although property will be either torn down

priorities on articles made of metal limit playground equipment, many can be made of wood. Games and sports events will be planned for older boys and girls. Roberts stated there will be tennis tournaments organized in about two weeks, with softball tournaments staged for competition between the three recreational localities.

SWIMMING BEACH URGED

Mrs. Moore suggested the possibility of sprinklers and showers for the children. The need for a swimming beach available to negroes, mentioned in the recent committee survey, was urged for consideration.

Park Board Give Ensley Land Tract

Transfer of a 10-acre tract of land between Ensley and Pratt City, formerly used in City Commissioner Morgan's department as the "Ensley Stables," to the Park Board for conversion into a Negro playground Wednesday had been agreed and three locations for supervised play arranged for negroes this summer. In addition, it was suggested that the land to the board some time ago and at its last meeting the board voted to accept the offer and expressed its appreciation to the city commissioner.

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U. S. Files Legan Action To Use Harmon Field

The United States has filed a condemnation petition in the United States district court seeking to acquire a year-to-year lease on Harmon field, negro playground. The 10.79 acre tract is bounded by President, Line and Fishburne streets and a salt water creek. The court is asked to determine the value of the lease.

Harmon field is a negro playground deeded to the city by the Harmon foundation solely for this purpose, and for this reason the city is made a party defendant.

Colored Playground Activities To Be Launched Here On June 14

By LEE F. RODGERS

Colored playground activities will be launched in Portsmouth on June 14, it was announced by William E. Waters, supervisor of colored city recreation in the citywide set up headed by A. G. Israel.

Playgrounds for colored children will be located, as in recent summers, on Green street in Lincolnville; Norcom High School grounds; Brighton school; Truxton school; and Mt. Hermon school.

The playgrounds will be staffed by colored recreation workers as heretofore, the personnel of which will be announced in a few days.

Program Completed

A varied program of supervised play has been worked out by Director Israel and his staff, and attendance at colored playgrounds will likely show sharp increases all over the city, in view of larger numbers of children in war-congested Portsmouth.

Various games and other outdoor activities will be offered for children and young people of various age brackets. Playground programs here among colored residents have met with only partial success due to lack of adequate facilities, but the city is endeavoring to offer the best it can under existing circumstances.

A three-day training course for playground workers will be held at Norcom High School on June 10-11-12, it was announced by Director Israel yesterday. The summer playground season extends through 12 weeks.

Charlotte, N. C., Observer
June 13, 1943

City Facing Lawsuit On Negro Playground

Residents of the Harding Place section notified Park and Recreation commissioners that injunctions and damage suits will result unless the city ceases its efforts to establish a Negro park on the newly-acquired Pearl street site near Brooklyn.

The threat of legal action was inserted in a letter to park board members and signed by F. A. McClenaghan, attorney for the protesting group. Copies also were mailed to members of the city council.

Reviewing the history of the controversy over location of the Negro play area, Mr. McClenaghan implied that the park commissioners had treated Harding Place residents unfairly in going ahead with plans for development of the Pearl street site after promising that consideration would be given to finding some other tract farther from the white residential section.

17 Public Playgrounds Open Early as Wartime Measure

Supervised playgrounds were opened yesterday at 17 recreational centers in an effort to curb juvenile delinquency and to provide wholesome recreation for thousands of Atlanta children, and Miss Virginia Carmichael, supervisor of city recreational activities, said 11 other centers will be ready for the grand opening slated for Monday.

At the same time, George I. Simons, general manager of city parks, said a pony track has begun operation at Grant park, with 15 ponies available.

A fund aggregating \$25,578 is available for the recreational program for the remainder of the year, and Miss Carmichael said play leaders will be designated and other centers opened next Monday. Seven of the playgrounds which had early openings yesterday were for Negroes.

The recreational program will be divided largely into two fields; one will include ordinary games for small children, such as volleyball, horseshoes and general group games, while the other will provide for twilight and night softball for boys and girls and sandlot baseball.

Much of the preliminary organization has been completed for the ball clubs. Softball will be centered primarily at Piedmont park and Grady High school, while sandlot games will be at Piedmont and Bessie Branham and Grant parks.

Miss Carmichael emphasized that the early opening of the centers was to provide as early a program as possible, but that the grand opening scheduled for next Monday will be celebrated with programs at the various centers.

Playgrounds for white children were opened yesterday at the following places:

Adair, Branham, Howell, Key, McClatchey, Mozley, Piedmont, and Perkerson parks and Smillie and Crew street schools.

Those already in operation for Negroes are at Krogman, Gray, Howard, Johnson, Ware and Young street schools and at Washington park.

For the summer months, the centers will open at 9 a. m. and close at noon, and will reopen at 3 and close at 8 p. m.

Washington Post Washington, D. C. Playgrounds And Pools Open Tomorrow

Playground activities will be keyed by the Victory Builders' program this summer, Mrs. Clarice Smith, director of Recreation Department's division of neighborhood centers, said in announcing opening tomorrow of the department's full program for the summer.

Sixty-six playgrounds, 12 wading pools, 25 swimming pools and 22 shower stops will be available for white activities, and 39 playgrounds, 2 wading pools, 3 swimming pools and 20 shower stops for Negro.

The victory program is best explained by recitation of the pledge which all participants must take, according to Mrs. Smith. The pledge reads: "It is the duty of every loyal American to build himself for victory. Therefore, I pledge I will develop my health, improve my skills, be mentally alert, be loyal and give service to my country."

Achievement tests open to young people from 9 to 19 will stress physical fitness, service, and leadership as possible, and that the grand opening scheduled for next Monday will be celebrated with raid facts and the words of the "Star Spangled Banner," first aid use of salvage materials, civilian defense work all will figure in the victory program.

Washington Post Washington, D. C. Shut to Public, Virginia Parks Used by Troops

By the Associated Press
Richmond, Va., June 23. — Virginia's State parks, closed to civilians because of wartime restrictions on travel, are not going "to

waste" altogether, State conservation officials said today.

Several have been or are being used by the military for training purposes, and it is believed that additional requests for use may be received. In addition, the War Department still has under consideration the offer of the Conservation Commission to have the parks used for convalescent war patients.

Douthat Park, near Clifton Forge, is being used by the Army School for Special Service, Washington and Lee University. A request has been made for use of this park until November 1.

Soldiers of the Seventy-eighth Infantry Division, Camp Butler, N. C., are utilizing Staunton River Park for Army Engineer training. Two rivers, the Staunton and Dan, flowing through this park are said to afford excellent sites for training in building pontoon bridges.

Seashore State Park is also being used by the military for training purposes, and the cottages as living quarters for officers and their families.

State recreational areas are also coming in for use, officials said. Bear Creek Lake, in Cumberland County, which has been closed to the public is now used for training Negro soldiers camped at a nearby site. This training starts at 5 p. m. and the lake is open to fishermen prior to that hour.

While the beaches and cottages in the parks have been closed to the public, the picnic areas are still open for those who may manage to get to these spots.

Journal and Guide Norfolk, Virginia Manages Park



Peter Hines Williams Jr., head coach and physical education director at the Washington High School, Raleigh, N. C., and former athletic star at Shaw University, was recently named to manage the Chavis

The park includes swimming pool, a stadium for football and baseball, a merry-go-round, and several acres of play area. Williams has been connected with athletics as a player, official and coach in North Carolina for several years.

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PLAY PLANS INDORSED

Mayor H. H. Baxter yesterday prepared and presented to Chairman Charles H. Stone of the city's park and recreation commission a statement approving the group's plans for a 12-week summer playground season, opening tomorrow afternoon at 22 selected centers. (Observer Staff Photo.)

Charlotte, N. C., Observer
June 6, 1943



Baxter Approves Recreation Plans

Mayor Lauds Extensive Summer Playground Program, 35 Leaders Will Supervise Activity, Parents Urged to Take Advantage of Opportunity Offered Children of City.

Mayor H. H. Baxter fixed the final seal of approval yesterday on park and recreation plans for the most extensive summer playground program in the city's history—a program that is scheduled to swing under way for a 12-week run tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. when the starting signal will be blown at the 22 play areas.

In an official statement presented to Park Board Chairman Charles H. Stone, Mayor Baxter lauded the group's detailed plans for summer recreation, and urged parents to take advantage of the free opportunity offered children in the city area.

With 35 white and Negro leaders supervising, the playground program will be maintained at 10 white centers, three white athletic fields, seven Negro centers, and two Negro athletic fields.

Mr. Baxter's statement:

"Personally, I am delighted with the splendid recreational program as outlined to me by Mr. Chas. H. Stone, chairman, Charlotte Park & Recreation commission, which has been planned for the children of our city during their summer vacation period.

"Tomorrow, Monday, June 7th, will mark the opening of this program, for both white and Negro children of our community, at parks and playgrounds throughout the city, which will continue until the city schools are again opened in the fall. The Park & Recreation commission will have trained personnel at all recreational centers to direct and supervise these programs.

"As Mayor of Charlotte, it is a pleasure to direct the attention of all parents in the City of Charlotte to this splendid opportunity for recreation, without cost, for your child.

"The influence of play hours is second only to the school itself as a factor of building character, stimulating ambition and moulding ideals of citizenship. Children whose energy is turned to constructive play pursuits are known to develop ideals, good sportsmanship, initiative and a sense of responsibility as well as strong, healthy bodies. Too, directed recreational opportunities for children of any community is a strong weapon against the corroding influence of delinquency.

"Since the character of tomorrow's citizens will be determined by the mental, moral and physical development of the children of today, it is of serious consequence to every community that a well-rounded recreational program be provided for the children. This we will have in Charlotte this summer, and I urge that you give your child the pleasure and benefit of this wonderful opportunity."

NEGRO CENTER BEING PLANNED

Community House On New Park Property Indorsed By Park Commissioners.

Tentative proposals to erect a

community house and Negro soldiers' center on the recently acquired Negro park property along Pearl street were indorsed yesterday by park and recreation commissioners, and Chairman Charles H. Stone was authorized to proceed with plans for the development.

Also studied were plans for the employment of 27 white and 13 Negro leaders to supervise 11 white and seven Negro playgrounds during the approaching season.

The recommendations, mapped by Parks Superintendent Harry Sutton and Recreation Director Mary Brackman Sills, would provide supervised play areas at Independence, Latta, and Cordelia parks; Piedmont Courts; Bethune; North Charlotte; Wesley Heights; Zeph Vance, and Glenwood schools; and athletic fields at Harding and Tech High schools, Independence and Latta parks.

Negro play centers would be at Myers Street school; Second Ward athletic field; Morgan park; Alexander Street school; Biddleville; Fairview Homes; Isabella Wyche school; and West Charlotte High school.

Birmingham Age-Herald
June 24, 1943
NEGRO SWIMMING POOL IS PROMISED

A swimming pool for Birmingham's 110,000 Negro citizens will be next on its "must" list, Park and Recreation Board members promised a committee of Negro leaders at their meeting Wednesday.

A proposal to open a swimming pool, now out of operation, at Tuxedo Park, Ensley, to Negroes was presented to the board by a committee, headed by Louis Burnham, whose members pointed out that this is "Swim for Health Week" and there is no pool in the city in which Negroes may swim.

The problem of securing materials to equip the pool will be taken up at a later meeting of the Negro committee with James A. Downey, Jr., Park Board chairman.

Now privately-owned, the Tuxedo Park property may soon be obtained for use of the city, Mayor W. Cooper Green pointed out.

Improvement of health standards in the community and prevention of a large part of the city's annual drowning toll were given as two reasons in support of the opening of a city-supervised pool for Negroes.

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR NEGROES SET

A 10-acre tract of land owned by the city which was formerly used by his department as the "Ensley stables" has been turned over to

the Park and Recreation Board by Associate City Commissioner James Morgan to be converted into a Negro playground, it was announced at the office of Commissioner Morgan Tuesday.

The property is located between Ensley and Pratt City and is easily accessible to both communities, Commissioner Morgan said, and would be ideal as a playground site for Negro residents of those sections.

At the last meeting of the Park and Recreation Board the board voted to accept the offer of Mr. Morgan to be converted into a site and with the aid of Negro civic leaders in Ensley and Pratt City develop the tract of land into a playground and recreation center.

Negro Park Case Set

To Be Heard On August 4

Judge Frank Armstrong said today he will hear the application of white property owners of Harding Pl. and Greenwood Cl. for an injunction against the City of Charlotte the week of August 4.

If granted, the injunction would prevent the City Park and Recreation Commission from proceeding with plans to establish a Negro park-playground adjacent to the two streets.

Judge Armstrong said he had instructed attorneys for the property owners and the City to complete their briefs, obtain affidavits and all other papers to be used in the case, and to turn such papers over to him this week so that he may study them before August 4.

The park already has accumulated some equipment, it was learned today at the office of the Park and Recreation Commission. The equipment included a wading pool, a drinking fountain, a refreshment stand and a few other things. Water pipes have been laid and much grading has been done on the site. However, what has been done was regarded as a mere beginning of what is contemplated for the place when and if legal difficulties are cleared away.

Sumter, S. C. Daily Item
June 29, 1943

Playground To Open At Savage-Glover Thursday, July 1

Park Hearing

Action Scheduled To Be Taken Monday

Harding place seek to enjoin the city from establishing the park on a site adjoining the section, was scheduled to have been heard this week.

Judge Armstrong asked attorneys for the city to file copies of their pleadings with him so that he might study the case before the hearing is held.

HEARING ON NEGRO PARK INJUNCTION IS DELAYED

Postponement until the week of August 4 of the injunction hearing growing out of Charlotte's Negro park controversy was announced yesterday by Judge Frank Armstrong. The case, in which property

A date for hearing the dispute between the City of Charlotte and white residents of Harding Pl. and Greenwood Cl. over location of a Negro park-playground is scheduled to be set Monday.

To Set Negro

N. Karl Greene, recreational director in charge of the playground which is to be established on the site, announced today that the hearing on the injunction against the city from establishing the park on a site adjoining the section, was scheduled to have been heard this week.

Maude Pendergrass social worker and recreation leader, will be in strong support of the Negro park.

Some time Monday the City attorneys, Charles W. Tillett and Hugh Campbell, and the attorneys representing the protestors, Frank McCleneghan and W. C. Davis, are to confer with Judge Frank Armstrong of Superior Criminal Court and agree upon a date for a hearing before Judge Armstrong on the Harding Pl. and Greenwood Cl. residents' application for an injunction against the City.

For the past few weeks work on the park site, adjacent to Harding Pl. and Greenwood Cl., has been underway despite the pending application for an injunction.

It was indicated today that the hearing will be held sometime next week.

LOCAL NEWS OF COLORED PEOPLE

Colored Churches Name Committees To Work On Park

Committees have been appointed from four colored churches to furnish help in completion of Gardner park and cemetery for colored people, it was announced today by A. K. Roberts, chairman. Several others have thus far made no move to join in the community endeavor and will be asked to do so that the park may be completed this summer, Roberts said.

The following churches have entered upon a policy of cooperation with committees as follows: A. M. E. Zion, J. Rogers and A. Hoskins; Durham Chapel, Elige Freeman and R. Cabaniss, jr.; Presbyterian, J. Camp and G. Ward; C. M. E. Church, Luin Hamilton and Rob Saunders; Mt. Sinai Holiness church, Willie Littlejohn.

The Shiloh, Mt. Calvary and Righteous church of God haven't as yet named committees, Roberts said.

WILL COMPLETE COLORED PARK

To Enlist Manpower From Churches And Civic Groups

At a mass meeting of colored citizens at city hall Wednesday night

Gus Roberts was elected chairman of a special committee that will enlist support of churches and other groups to furnish manpower for completion of the new colored park given the colored people of this community by the Gardner family.

It was tentatively agreed to press the work so that formal dedication exercises can be held there on Labor day.

A division among colored factions over control of the project pending its completion was overcome at last night's discussions and it will go forth in a cooperative manner, spokesmen for the group asserted.

The meeting was called by Mayor Harry S. Woodson at the request of the city council after a request of the Elks lodge to direct the work had been deferred pending the public discussion. As matters stand now, the Elks will work along with the church groups to realization of the completed park.

Recreation For Negro Children Is Considered

CLEARWATER. — Recreation for negro children after school hours as a means of decreasing crime in future years was requested of the city commission last night by a group of negroes headed by Herald E. Robinson.

The delegation submitted a program which would include the construction of paved courts for tennis, volleyball and facilities for ping-pong and checkers. The board commended the delegation, promised some aid now and more after the war.

The board approved a request from Mrs. Mary Crown, secretary of the defense recreation council, for adjustment of rents on the soldiers' lounge. The board discussed payment of one month's salaries to city's employees entering the service but agreed that it would be better to pay the money after the soldier is discharged.

It was decided that the city's single registration act will be held up pending the passage of a county or state registration act. The commissioners decided that nothing will be done at this time to prevent fishing from the west bridge of Davis causeway within the city limits.

Members of the Hillcrest association petitioned the city to widen Drew street to the proposed new highway running north and south. The board decided to table the petition until after the war.

Progress Made On Playground

A committee investigating recreational facilities for the Charleston inter-racial committee announced yesterday that progress has been made on the preparation of a new playground at America and Johnson streets. Used equipment will be made available for this work, as new material cannot be obtained. Other playground sites under consideration were found to be on private property and will have to be developed privately.

Other reports of the inter-racial committee concerned the development of a service and recreational service at the Shaw Center. The work there that was left stranded when the WPA went out of existence has been carried on by private donations and funds from the city. Provision for continuing this work will become effective June 1 under maintenance and operations divisions of a federal act.

Overnight quarters for a limited number of visiting soldiers, sailors or maritime service men are being provided by special collections made in most of the negro churches of Charleston on Mother's Day.

Announcement was made at a meeting Friday that the Home Front Homes exhibition at the Gibbes Art gallery will be open to negroes Monday evenings from 6 to 10 o'clock through May and June.

A special committee has been appointed to prepare a resolution expressing appreciation for the great service rendered the inter-racial committee by the late Miss Mary Frost.

Reports and a resolution were heard concerning Dr. George Washington Carver. The book "The Life of George Washington Carver, an American Biography" by Rackham Holt was reviewed. Mrs. C. P. McGowan read clippings of editorials written at the time of Dr. Carver's death which praised him variously as an outstanding personality, an eminent negro, and a great scientist. The local committee resolved to join in the movement to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Carver's life and in a memorial at Tuskegee institute, Tuskegee, Ala.

Negro Park Hearing Set

Charlotte, N. C. News

August 30, 1943

Will Be Held

Thursday at 9:30

A hearing on an application of white property owners of Harding Pl. and Greenwood Cl. for an in-

Daily World

Atlanta, Georgia

No Wonder We're A Sick People!

There is a close connection between disease and filth. In fact, we may say that these two enemies of man exist in juxtaposition to each other.

Within the recent past, something has been done and more has been said, about the alarming proportion of venereal disease infecting Atlanta's Negro population. And while every serious-minded Negro leader should throw the full weight of his influence behind the campaign to rid people of this scourge, the following facts taken from the Social Planning Council Series, will go far toward the explanation for the high incidence, not only of this plague but other diseases, likewise. "Atlanta", the report states, "operates 88 park units comprising a total of 1499.75 acres. Of this number, there are only two, totaling slightly over 15 acres, available for use by Negroes. The department, in addition, operates: 5 golf courses (none available for Negro use); 6 swimming pools (1 for Negroes); 91 tennis courts (6 available for Negroes); 14 baseball diamonds (1 for Negroes) and 32 playgrounds (with only 4 available for Negroes)."

It is also noted that agencies serving Negroes are located in critical social areas, thus placing an especially heavy burden of work on all agencies serving Negroes. It is reported that no lifeguards have been secured for the swimming pool at Washington Park for this summer. That means that the one available pool for Negroes, which already has been the scene of all too many useless drownings, may not be in use. Add to this unpleasant picture the filth, squalor, and overcrowded and unsanitary surroundings prevalent in Atlanta's slum areas, and we get the answer for the incidence not only for venereal disease infection, but also the tributaries for other diseases. Founded not upon race or color, but upon economic and social handicaps.

More and more, educators are proclaiming the close relations between play outlet opportunities and sound body and health. Not only does wholesome recreation develop sound bodies and active minds. They do much more. They develop moral and spiritual values, which yield great dividends to the individual and to society.

junction against the City of Charleston. The cost of the five-acre tract to prevent it from establishing a Negro park-playground adjacent to the two streets will be heard Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock before Judge Frank Armstrong-Thompson Orphanage.

The date was agreed upon today at a conference of Judge Armstrong and attorneys for the property owners and the City.

In their petition, filed early this Summer, the property owners declared that establishment of the park-playground will greatly reduce the values of their properties and contended that a better site than the five-acre tract can be found for the park-playground. The property owners at one stage of developments this Summer of The property owners at one stage of developments this Summer of

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Pittsburgh, Pa.
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To Recreation Staff

Playgrounds Provide Supervised

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

Play For Atlanta Youngsters

The seven Negro playgrounds of Atlanta are crowded each day with hundreds of boys and girls turning out to participate in the well-rounded program of activities under the direction of an efficient staff of recreation leaders. The combined weekly attendance of the playgrounds has been estimated at 15,000 children, in addition to hundreds of adult spectators.

The seven playground leaders and one supervisor are working together, following a well-planned schedule, which results in each playground carrying out the same activities. This unified program is worked out by the recreation leaders and the supervisor at their regular Saturday morning meeting. These workers are well-known in the Gate City and have had considerable experience in this field.

Miss Ganet Harvey, now stationed at the E. P. Johnson Playground is a graduate of Morris Brown College, and attended the Atlanta School of Social Work. For three years, she was hostess at Camp John Hope, Fort Valley, Georgia, and has also done recreation work at University Homes.

Mrs. Pearl Floyd Coombs, leader at the Yonge Street Playground is a graduate of Spelman College, and recently received a diploma in Homemaking at the Washington High Evening School. Mrs. Coombs was recreation leader at John Edgar Homes for two years, where she did such a splendid job, everyone admired her for her work.

Mrs. Ethel Harris Harvey, who is now in charge of the David T. Howard Playground is a graduate of Morris Brown College, and holds a certificate from the National Recreation Institute, where she

specialized in dramatics and community program planning. She has had several years of playground experience under FERA, and the WPA recreation program. Mrs. Harvey has also served as instructor at the YWCA, and advisor of the Girl Reserve of Ashby and Gray Street Schools.

Mrs. Marie Jones Blackmon, who has been assigned to the Washington Park Playground is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School, and has done special work in leadership training at the National Recreation Institute. For a period of nine years, Mrs. Blackmon has worked at some of the

largest playgrounds and recreation centers in the South. She was one of the first FSRA and WPA playground workers of this city. She has also had a years' experience as hostess of a recreation center for servicemen.

The recreation program at the Gray Street Playground is under the direction of Mrs. Baton, a graduate of Central City College, Macon, Georgia. Mrs. Baton has had several years experience in recreation, and is a former teacher at McKay High School, Americus, Georgia, where she coached girls' sports and turned out some of the best teams in that section.

Miss Sallie Parks, now stationed at the Croghan Playground is a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School and the National Recreation Institute. She has served as playground director at University Homes, Herring Street Playground, Decatur, Georgia, and has had several years experience under the WPA program. She holds certificates in Arts and Crafts.

Mrs. Clarice Branch, leader at the Ware Street Playground is a graduate of Atlanta University and is a former teacher in the Atlanta Public School System. She holds a certificate from the National School of Recreation and has had vast experience in the program, having served as playground leader at University Homes for two years, and hostess at the Service Men's Center.

Mrs. Ralph A. Long, a graduate of Clark College, who also holds a certificate from the National School of Recreation is supervisor. Supervisor Long has had several years of experience in this type of work.

All of these recreation workers successfully passed the city-wide recreation examination with high averages. Mr. Long also passed the supervisor's examination.

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
October 29, 1943

15 Playgrounds Asked by Group

Representatives of 39 organizations Friday called on City Council to appropriate \$75,000 for op-

eration of at least 42 playgrounds (28 for white children and 14 for Negroes) and 10 community centers (six white and four Negro) during the coming year.

The request was made in a resolution adopted at a meeting of the public recreation committee of the Social Planning Council. Each representative also pledged his organization would adopt a similar resolution and forward it to Council and to the Mayor.

Expansion of playground and community centers under supervision would help curb juvenile delinquency, Dr. Herman L. Turner, chairman of the public recreation committee, and Theodore T. Tarail, secretary of recreation for the planning council, told the assembly.

There now are 27 playgrounds, 20 for white children and seven for Negroes, in operation in Atlanta, and the total appropriation for the current year was \$26,000. Dr. Turner said the committee had found that "the outstanding lack in Atlanta is the need for more supervised public recreation facilities."

Mr. Tarail's report included these recommendations:

"Every neighborhood should have a playground and a community center. Playgrounds should be available within walking distance of every child between the ages of 5 and 15. . . . The doors of schools can be thrown open in the afternoons and evenings and used as community recreation centers. This, in our opinion, is one of the answers to the teen-age problem."

George Simons, city parks director, will submit his request for next year's budgetary needs to the City Council within a few days.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
October 24, 1943

Playgrounds Lure 277,671

Atlantans supported the playgrounds and recreational program sponsored by the city parks department with a total attendance of 277,671 at athletic events and playgrounds during the months of June, July and August.

Councilman Joe Allen, chairman of city council's parks and aviation committee, and George I. Simons, general manager of parks, released attendance figures and scheduled a series of conferences designed to implement the winter

program in combatting juvenile delinquency and absenteeism from classrooms.

The 25 play centers operated during the summer attracted 165,703 persons, and the recreational activities had a total player and spectator attendance of 111,251.

Softball led the list with 36,489 players and spectators for white contests and 19,461 for Negroes. Second in popularity was sandlot baseball, attended by 3,468. Play Day had an attendance of 1,450 for whites and 1,100 for Negroes.

Allen said yesterday he and park department officials are planning to request city council for increased appropriations for 1944 in order that the program can be expanded to meet increased demands as result of war conditions.

Negro Park Words Fly

Charlotte, N. C. News
October 20, 1943

An announced effort to correct "inaccurate" and "misleading statements," the committee of property owners in the Greenwood Cliff-Harding Place section protesting the location of a Negro Park at the rear of their homes, today wrote a letter to Bishop Edwin A. Penick and to members of the Board of Managers of Thompson Orphanage.

Regret was expressed at the necessity of entering into a controversy with an institution such as the Thompson Orphanage, but the committee said the issue "so vitally affects the welfare of our homes and our neighborhood that we found it necessary" to resist "in every possible way" the plans for establishing of the park.

REPLY MADE

The letter is signed by T. B. Carr, J. M. Dudley, J. A. Schachner Jr., W. W. Moores, and C. W. Moseley and stresses a previous contention that a special committee had already recommended the sale of the property to the Park and Recreation Commission when the Board agreed to hear the committee of property owners, that the establishment of the Park was contingent upon the opening up of a street through Orphanage property, without cost and paving assessments, and that there is actually no division among the property owners in opposition to the location of the Park.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
October 24, 1943

PARK ON MUD ISLAND ENVISIONED BY CRUMP

Enlargement Of Negro Cen-

ters Also Considered

The possibility of converting Mud Island into a "useful and beautiful" addition to the city and of enlarging Beale Street and Handy Parks is being considered by city officials, E. H. Crump, Shelby County political leader, said yesterday.

Mr. Crump said Mud Island would be "mighty pretty" if the willows were cut off and it were planted in Winter grass and shrubs from Jefferson Davis Park north to Poplar.

He also said he had visited other Mississippi River islands in Shelby County, including Island No. 40, President's Island and Brandywine Island during the past week.

Mr. Crump said additional space is needed at Beale Street Park for concessions and there is room for enlarging Handy Park. Mayor Chandler and other city officials are studying these improvements, he added.

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Report Made On Fight Against Negro Park

Chairman of Harding Pl.-Greenwood Cl. Property Owners Committee Writes Letter

The fight of residents of the Harding Pl.-Greenwood Cl. section to prevent consumption of plans for the Negro Park off Pearl St. will be carried on with "every available resource," C. W. Moseley, chairman of a committee of property owners, asserted in a letter today. "Reporting to the residents of the area, who banded themselves together for a legal fight on the plans, Mr. Moseley reviewed the case in detail and declared the action will be taken to the North Carolina Supreme Court. "His letter reads as follows: "You have no doubt read the newspaper accounts of the outcome of the preliminary hearing of our suit against the Park & Recreation Commission regarding the location of the proposed Negro Park & Recreation center, and against the City of Charlotte questioning the legality of its agreement with the Thompson Orphanage to pay for the opening

vided the Park & Recreation Commission and the City of Charleston met certain conditions, one of these being that a satisfactory agreement be reached with the protesting residents of this section. Because of this and other statements made from time to time by responsible individuals to homeowners in this neighborhood, we felt that this position would be maintained by the Thompson Orphanage.

"Shortly thereafter a permanent committee was formed and empowered to act in the interest of the residents of Harding Pl. and Greenwood Cl. This committee employed Frank A. McCleneghan as attorney to advise it and to represent the residents of this section. One of the first acts of this committee was to officially advise the Thompson Orphanage that our protest against the use of this property as a park had not been withdrawn, but the opposition had increased. This was done when newspaper accounts stated that the protest had been withdrawn.

"The committee was invited to attend a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage on Feb. 4, 1943, to present our objections to the use of the proposed site. This meeting was attended in good faith not knowing at the time that sale of the property had already been recommended to the Board by a special committee and that the removal of a fence between the proposed site and the adjoining Greenwood Cl. lots was already underway, preparatory to the transfer of the property. The committee presented to the Board of Managers a petition signed by 70 families residing in the Greenwood Cl.-Harding Pl. section 63 per cent of whom were homeowners. Our attorney presented in detail our objections to the proposed use of the site. Our protests were courteously received but it was announced soon thereafter that the sale had been consummated.

"Up until the time it was known that the offer to sell the site to the Park and Recreation Commission contained a proviso that the City of Charlotte would construct and maintain a street through the property of the Thompson Orphanage at no cost to the Orphanage, the committee was of the opinion the sale of the six acres for the sum of \$2,500 was the only issue involved.

"This covers our attempt to obtain consideration from the Thompson Orphanage.

"The second group involved in this controversy was the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission. Shortly after our first petition was presented to this Commission, residents of this section were invited by Charles H. Stone, chairman, to meet with the commission ostensibly for the purpose of discussing a more suitable location for the proposed park. Those of you who attended this meeting will recall that Mr. Stone first outlined the plans of

mittee asking that we be allowed to appear before the Council before any action was taken. The chairman of this committee informed our attorney that the City Council would take no action in regard to the park but was interested only in the location of a street across the orphanage property. Despite this understanding, the City Council on January 20th, 1943 passed a resolution consenting to the purchase of the proposed park site with no notice whatever to the residents of this section, which action again sustains our contention that the purchase of the park site for \$2,500 and the agreement to build and maintain a street through the Orphanage property at no cost to the Orphanage, was each contingent on the other.

Having failed in our efforts to negotiate with the Thompson Orphanage, the Park and Recreation Commission, and the City Council, our only alternative was to take legal action. Our attorneys filed suit seeking an order temporarily restraining the Park and Recreation Commission from developing the site, and the city of Charlotte from carrying through, as planned, the construction and maintenance of a street through the Orphanage property with tax payers' money and at no cost to the Orphanage. The application for the temporary injunction was not granted but notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court has already been filed.

In addition to the above evidence we have affidavits from real estate experts that our property has already been depreciated, affidavits from residents of this section that the meager facilities provided thus far have created a nuisance, necessitating calls to the police department late at night, and an affidavit from a Negro leader to the effect that the proposed site is not acceptable to a large number of Charlotte's Negro citizens.

The right of the City Council to spend taxpayers' money for the development of this street, which expenditure is definitely linked to the acquisition of the park site, is a major issue. The City Charter provides that the costs of street improvements shall be assessed against the adjoining property. We are maintaining that the provisions of the City Charter be enforced, that no taxpayer be required to pay the cost of developing streets across property, singled out by the City Council, in addition to paying assessments for improving streets adjoining his property.

We should all keep in mind that the thing we are fighting is not so much the meager facilities provided to date, but a Park and Recreation Center with a Baseball Field, Swimming Pool, and Recreation Building all as promised by Mr. Stone. This, and the expenditure of taxpayers' money in a manner which we consider to be contrary to law, is our fight.

In view of the above facts, we have every confidence in the ultimate outcome of the issue, and we expect to continue our efforts. This report comes to you from your duly appointed committee."

Plan to Expand Airport Offered To City Council

November 13, 1943

Atlanta, Ga. Journal

Initial steps to build Atlanta's postwar aviation facilities to size commensurate with the probable growth of the industry were taken Friday when the Parks and Aviation Committee of City Council recommended spending \$1,250,000 to double the area of the present Municipal Airport.

The committee asked that Council grant authority for doubling the size of the airport by purchase of 400 acres of land and urged that new runways 7,000 or 8,000 feet long be constructed.

To build the runways and make other expansions at the airport the city must purchase 11 tracts of land bordering on the field. Estimated cost of this land was placed at \$151,939. The committee received from H. B. Andrews, city land agent, notice that options had been taken on 330 acres of land for the enterprise at a cost of \$129,189. Seventy acres more, estimated to cost \$22,750, are needed to complete the addition. It was suggested that the city pay for the undertaking by a 1-mill special tax levy for capital outlay.

Mayor W. B. Hartsfield, long an advocate of greater airport facilities for the city, and Jack Gray, manager of Municipal Airport, appeared before the committee to urge enlargement of the field. The Mayor said there was a possibility the Federal Government might be induced to aid in the development.

The committee also sponsored a proposal to spend \$63,451 for a full program of recreation at city parks. George I. Simons, general manager of parks, said this would be sufficient to operate 25 white and 10 Negro playgrounds for a year.

Daily World Atlanta, Georgia Negro On Staff Of Recreation Association

SEP 18 1943

NEW YORK—(A N P)—With the steady increase in playgrounds and recreation community centers available to Negroes, and the development of the recreation movement in America fostered by the National Recreation association, there has appeared need for additional personnel to aid and stimulate public interest to interpret the purpose and extend the program of activities.

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He is a graduate of Ohio State university majoring in health and physical education and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Mr. Madison has been related to the recreation movement for some years and completed a special short term training course under the auspices of the Association held in Washington in 1937. He is a native of Columbus, O., and is well known in this mid-west area.

New York Times New York, N. Y. PLAYGROUND PLANNED FOR HARLEM BLOCKS

Moses to Ask Board of Estimate Today on Harlem River Site

Rocert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, will ask the Board of Estimate today to acquire two square blocks bounded by West 143d and 145th Streets, Lenox Avenue and the Harlem River, for a large children's playground. The property is occupied by various one-story garages and several old tenements.

The Department of Parks plans to develop there four softball diamonds with concrete bleachers for spectators, nine basketball courts, nine volleyball courts, twelve handball courts, eight horseshoe pitching courts, a skating rink, a playground area for pre-school-age children and another place for older children. There will be also the usual comfort station, shade trees, benches and promenades.

The project fronts on the proposed Harlem River Drive. The improvement has been planned to avoid critical materials, so that the site may be cleared and construction begun as soon as the city acquires the land. Moses promised to have the playground ready for use by the end of next summer if the Board of Estimate acted promptly on his request.

Cour-Journal Louisville, Ky.

For Interracial Good Will

To the Editor of The Courier-Journal. Both as a citizen of Louisville and also as a member of the Louisville Kiwanis Club and one of its vice presidents, I personally wish to express my appreciation of

BERNARD ROSENBLUM.

has shown in this instance? Louisville.

the recognition extended Kiwanians in your recent new column, as well as your fine editorial of Saturday, August 28, publicizing our undertaking to provide a playground for the colored people at the playground at Jackson and Madison Streets. In my own mind I firmly believe that good-will expressions of this nature will continue to be responsible for the congenial relationship existing between racial groups in our own community. May I again express my admiration for the co-operative spirit which your paper

People's Voice

New York, N. Y.

This act of allowing white and Negro school children to share the same public playground is believed to be first in the city's history. Cauleld said that any distinction as to the use of these public parks or playgrounds by either race "is unlawful."

CHICAGO (ANP).—Appointment of William Stewart, secretary of the Supreme Life Insurance Company, to the executive committee of the Chicago Recreation Commission was announced by Dr. Philip L. Seman, commission chairman.

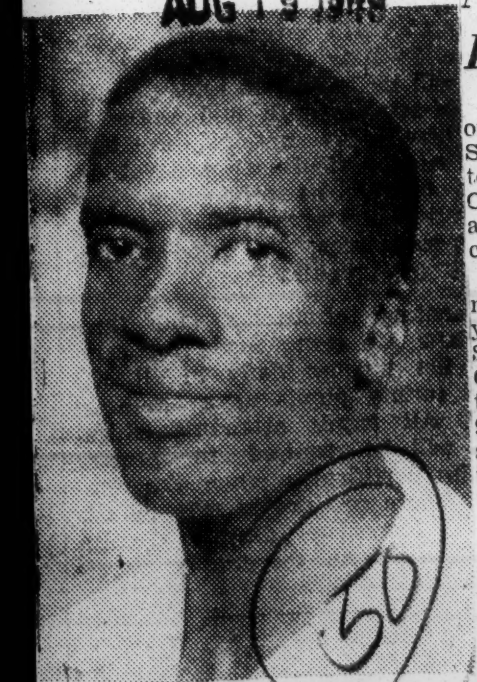
Mr. Stewart, who has been a member of the commission for four years, has been chairman of the South Central District Recreation Committee, and is co-chairman of the promotional committee for the 9th Annual Recreation Conference sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

While at Clark, Long was an all-around athlete, winning letters in football, basketball, track and tennis several times. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

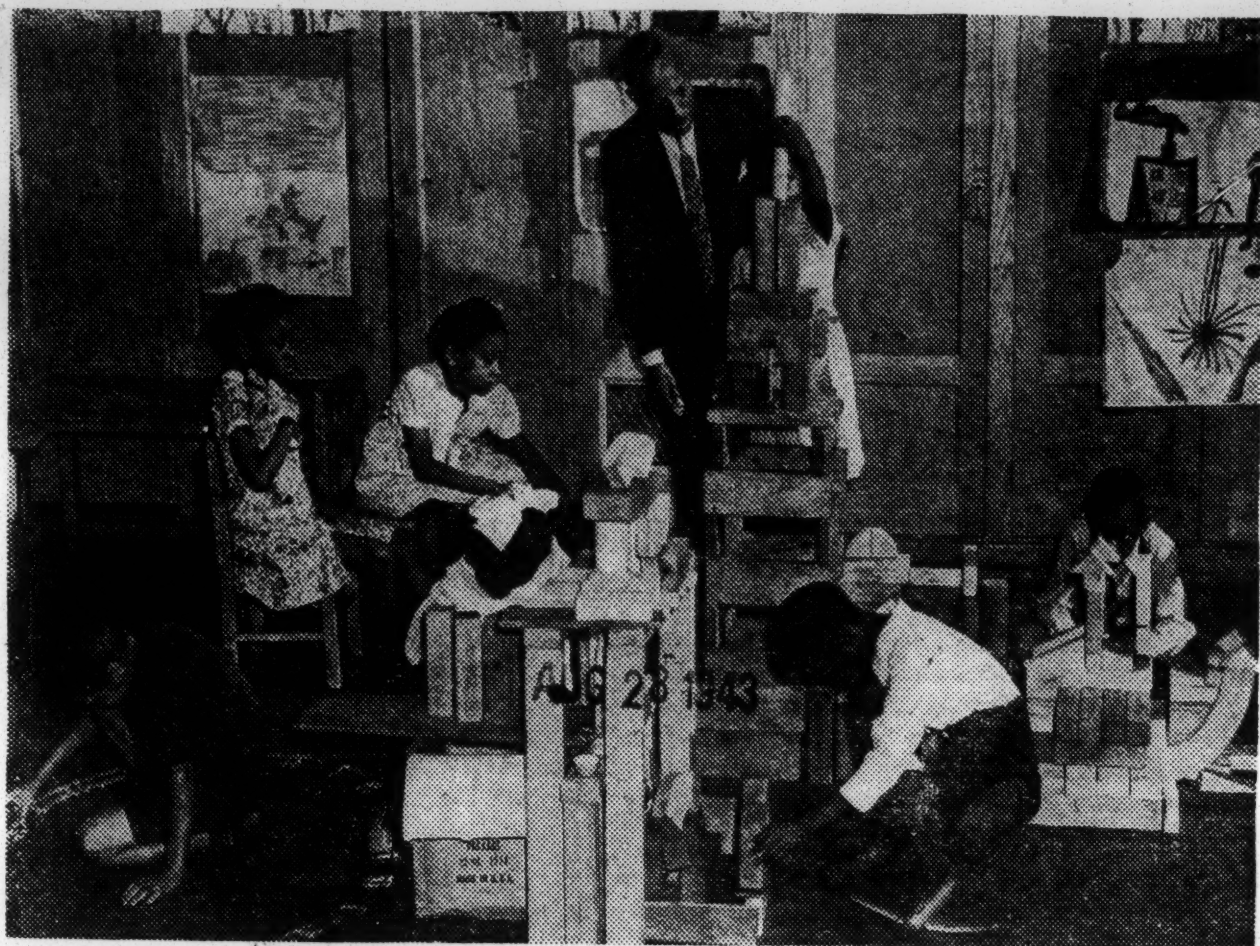
Supervisor Long's duties include periodic visits to the seven colored playgrounds. During the month of June and July the total attendance at these playgrounds averaged 33,085.

The big event of the summer will be the "Annual Play Day," which will be held on August 26. The supervisor is extending a personal invitation to the public to attend this great attraction.

New Supervisor
AUG 19 1943



RALPH A. LONG
recently appointed colored recre-



Through block play, painting, handicrafts and various projects, children at the Harlem Play School, at P.S. 68, Mrs. Pauline Williams, director, had a busy and profitable summer. Parents of these children, many of whom work, were satisfied with the results and benefits derived by their children, Mrs. Williams reported. This play school was created through the joint efforts of the New York Chapter of the National Association of College Women, Mrs. Leonora P. Johns, president, and the Play Schools Association which functions with the sponsorship of the Board of Education. In background, Dr. James Miner, head of teacher training, at Minor's College, Fashington, D. C., observes work of children.

Riot Antidote:

People's Voice
New York, N. Y.

Summer Play Schools Are A Boon to Harlem Kids

It all happened at the play ground carnival in the auditorium of Play School 113 on W. 113th st. But it was as if it came straight out of fairy land.

So while little Mary Ann dreamed, her story book came alive and Bo Peep tripped about and the roses danced. The pots and pans got all mixed up with flowers and the halls just and clattered about in every direction. Even mother's powder puff and lipstick ran about too. The auditorium were filled with handicraft created by the children.

There was magic in the house, More Schools in Harlem
—You see. Francis I. Brennan, poet.

Betty Jane Turner as Mary Ann, was the star of the show. There are a larger number of summer and hundreds of neighborhood schools open in Harlem than in any other section of the city. There kids watched the gaily costumed boys and girls up to 16 years old are 260 summer schools throughout the five boroughs, and of the singing and dance and play in a flood of colored lights on the story-book stage. In Harlem, six are open all day long.

The school's entrance was deck-

Explaining that his school works with elementary grades primarily, Brown said he was anxious for more parents to take advantage of the school's excellent facilities. The school, he commented, cares for many children whose mothers have to work. The kids get milk and a good lunch every day.

Besides running an excellent kindergarten, the school teaches arts and crafts and carries on a good musical program. There is dancing for the girls and athletics for the boys and other games for all.

Usually August 31 is the closing date for the summer school but this year they will run until the fall term begins.

After School Program

Francis Brennan is trying to put over a program that will keep these schools and more open in the evenings from four o'clock to six for children and from six to ten for adult activity. Provision

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Work Of Natl. Recreation Assn.

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Need for Playgrounds—The need for playgrounds and checker tournaments and basketball will hold the adolescent, while wholesome sources of recreation the fathers will enjoy crafts such as has been a somewhat in the ground center

well, internationally known recreation organizer and consultant and the director of the Bureau of Colored Work of the National Recreation Association. Mr. Madison began his new work as of September 1st and has already visited communities in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The increase in the staff has the significant purpose of aiding in the attainment of the objectives of the Association—"that every child in America shall have a chance to play, and that everybody in America, young and old, shall have an opportunity to find the best and most satisfying use of leisure time." Since this recreation agency works primarily through field services given to local representative groups upon request, Mr. Madison represents an additional person who may be called upon to aid in the program of local communities.

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Ask City To Purchase 2 Square Blocks For Playground In Harlem

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The War Production Board has granted priorities on the small quantity of critical materials needed to build the recreation area and work can begin almost at once if the Board of Estimate approves the purchase of the land.

The project would provide four soft ball diamonds with concrete bleachers for spectators, nine basketball courts, nine volleyball courts, twelve handball courts, eight horseshoe pitching courts, a skating rink, a playground area for pre-school age children and another place for older children. There will also be the usual comfort stations, shade trees, benches and promenades.

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posed Harlem River Drive and would provide play space for one of the most congested sections of Harlem. It is the hope that the playground, by providing recreation for the children of the neighborhood will check the growth of juvenile delinquency.

Play Schools Doing Big Job In Training Better Youths

Amsterdam News

New York, N. Y.

Praise for the work done by the play schools in Harlem this Summer by demonstrating how interesting sports and activities, sympathetic teachers and understanding of community needs can transform boys and girls who might be roaming the streets into happy, well-adjusted and constructive youngsters, was expressed by Mrs. Adele S. Mossler, director of the Play Schools Association, at the termination of its Summer session. The association, which functions with the sponsorship of the Board of Education, directs centers for school age children all day during the Summer and after school during the Winter.

The association's three Harlem play schools were the AWVS Play School at P. S. 113, Dr. Eugene Wilkins, director, and Edward Dalton, social worker; the All-Day Neighborhood Play School at P. S. 194, Mrs. Virginia Schonborg and Benjamin F. Vaughan, directors, and the Harlem Play School at P. S. 68, Mrs. Pauline Williams, director.

Performing Great Deed

"When the play schools were opened last July, none of us could know how the need and function of such centers would be spotlighted by the recent Harlem disturbances," said Mrs. Mossler. "We all recognize the many deep-rooted causes of that upheaval and we're working toward remedying them. These all-day care centers are one specific step forward in making for better living for children and providing health, recreational and educational facilities for them."

"Harlem is not the only section of the city with child care problems. The association had twenty-one other affiliated play schools in Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, located largely in congested areas to meet similar child needs. Our Winter program includes after school centers for school age children and parent study groups."

The association is now working toward opening such centers in Harlem this Fall. As a sample of how this program is rooted in the life of the community is the Harlem Play School at P. S. 68, a neighborhood play school initiated through the work of the associations and a group of Harlem women belonging to the New York Chapter of the National Association of College Women.

Negro Park Proposal Protested

Efforts of local park and recreation officials to buy a six-acre tract of land in Sugaw creek bottoms for use as a Negro park drew protest from white property owners whose holdings lie near the proposed site when the offer was filed yesterday at a meeting of Thompson orphanage trustees.

A delegation of Negro citizens appeared before the board to support the park move, and Bishop Edwin Pennick, presiding at the trustee meeting, referred the matter to a committee for investigation and recommendation.

Thompson orphanage owns the land, fronting on Pearl street, the is wanted for a park site. Incident to the proposal is construction of a street through the orphanage property connecting Baxter and Stone wall streets, a project already approved by city council.

Charlotte, N. C. News
February 5, 1943

Orphanage Agrees To Sell Land And Give Right-Of-Way

New Through East-West Street From Downtown To Be Provided

By DICK YOUNG
Charlotte News Staff Writer

The way was paved today for development of a Negro park off Pearl St. with the announcement that the Board of Managers of the Thompson Orphanage had agreed to sell a track of six acres of its property to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Hamilton C. Jones, chairman of the executive committee of the Orphanage Board, announced that decision had been reached late yesterday to sell the tract to the Park Board at a price of \$2,500 and to give to the City of Charlotte a 60-foot right-of-way through its land for extension of a street between Baxter and Stonewall Sts.

The decision of the Board to sell the tract was the culmination of an extended effort on the part of the Park Commission to secure property for development of a Negro park in the center of the thickly populated Negro quarter of Brooklyn.

Charles H. Stone, chairman of the Park Board, was today high in his praise of the attitude of the Orphanage Board, composed of representatives of

April 20, 1943.

NOTICE TO COLORED BIDDERS.
Sealed bids for the privilege of operating the refreshment concession at Washington Park (colored) will be received by the Municipal Parks and Airport Committee of General Council until 12:00 o'clock, noon, May 15, 1943; bids to be filed in the office of the General Manager of Parks, 601 City Hall. Certified check made payable to the City of Atlanta for the full amount of one year's rent must accompany all bids. No bid will be considered unless this rule is complied with.

Form of contract on file in the office of the General Manager of Parks. Bidders are notified to sign their bids with names of all parties joining in bid. Bids may be submitted for a one or two-year contract.

The Committee reserved the right to accept any one or all bids and to reject any one or all bids; furthermore, reserves the right to accept any one or all bids as a whole as they may deem to be the best interest of the City of Atlanta. Nothing herein contained shall prevent said Committee from accepting one bid and rejecting all others or accepting as many bids and rejecting all others or accepting all bids and rejecting all bids and advertising for new bids.

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and were willing and anxious to help advance the program of meeting this community need. We are most grateful to them for their vision and generosity," Mr. Stone said.

TO TRANSFER DEEDS

Immediate steps will be taken, Mr. Stone said, to complete the transfer of deeds, both for the park site and for the street right-of-way, and just as soon as these necessary legal preliminaries are cleared, development of the park will begin; and, according to Mr. Stone, as much work as will be possible with the Board's meager funds will be done.

The City Council has agreed to construct the street through the property and has available the funds necessary for the work. The street project, with a bridge across Sugaw Creek, is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$15,000.

Mr. Stone pointed out that the purchase of this property was made possible by the contribution of Charlotte motion picture theaters, including two Negro theaters, to the Park Board treasury. These theaters contributed their receipts from the initial Sunday performances, totaling to \$2,736.26.

There is little grading to be done to put the land in proper shape for recreation purposes, but some scraping will be necessary. Mr. Stone said. The residue of the theaters' contributions will also be used for development of the park.

WADING POOL

One of the first things the Commission expects to do is to build a wading pool for smaller children. Mr. Stone said. Then the

land will be shaped up for an athletic field and planting of shrubs and trees will be done to beautify the place. One of the stipulations of the sale was the planting of an evergreen barrier 50 feet deep across the entire length of the property and Mr. Stone said this will be the first step of the improvement program. The Civitan Club was at one time interested in building a clubhouse for use in connection with its Negro boys club program, and Mr. Stone expressed the hope that this enterprise may soon be initiated.

Mr. Stone with Walter Lambeth, park commissioner, and Harry H. Sutton, recreation superintendent, appeared before the Orphanage Board at noon yesterday and made the formal request for acquisition of the orphanage property. Later in the afternoon session decision was reached by the Orphanage Board to sell the property and to

grant the street right-of-way.

Two delegations of Negro citizens appeared in support of the Park Board's plea to secure the property and a delegation of white residents of Greenwood Cliff and Harding Pl. appeared to voice objection to the sale of the property and subsequent development of a Negro park near their residences.

Charlotte, N. C. News
February 5, 1943

Hail Negro Park Plans

Enthusiastic Reception Given By Civitan Club

Members of the Charlotte Civitan Club greeted the decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission to establish a Negro Park in Brooklyn section of the city, with a resolution pledging full co-operation.

The Civitan Club, now sponsoring a Negro Boys Club in the same section of the city, has for months sought ways to construct a club house on the property which today was turned over to the Commission by the Thompson Orphanage.

Information that the Commission and the Orphanage had reached an agreement for the acquisition of the land by the Commission, reached the Civitans during its weekly meeting at Hotel Charlotte.

ENDORSE ACTION

Algy Lawing, one of the leaders of Civitan's boys work group, reported the action of the commission and made a motion to co-operate fully with the Commission and endorse its action. Neil Pharr, chairman of the boy's committee, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. After the meeting members of the committee said construction of a clubhouse for Negro boys was still a part of the Civitan's aim, and that the club's committee would confer with the Commission about this phase of development.

During the meeting the members heard H. H. Baxter discuss activities of Boy Scouts, as a prelude to Boy Scout Week which starts next week. Mr. Baxter commended the Civitans for their work with the Red Shield Boys Club and the Negro Boy's Club.

Dr. J. Lester Ranson, president, presided.

Columbia, S. C. Record
February 11, 1943

U. S. To Send City \$5,810 For Parks Program

Operation of Columbia playgrounds and parks will be aided by an appropriation of \$5,810 from the federal government, a message from Senator Burnet R. Maybank to the Columbia Chamber of Commerce revealed late yesterday afternoon.

The city, through Mayor Fred D. Marshall, had applied for a \$77,000 appropriation under the Lanham act when it was learned in 1942 that the WPA would be abolished.

It was announced that the funds provided will aid seven community houses, two housing projects and three church projects.

The appropriation provides for employment of one playground supervisor, one indoor supervisor, one Negro supervisor, one supervisor of dancing (this person to be used at Fort Jackson), one home hospitality supervisor, two secretaries, three park athletic directors, 11 senior leaders, 11 assistant leaders, six janitors and one supervisor of volunteer work in church centers.

Four senior leaders are to be available in connection with the Andrew Jackson and Gonzales housing projects.

Age-Herald

Birmingham, Ala. Negro Playground

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Mr. Morgan voted to accept the Negro playground site had with the aid of Negro civic leaders in Ensley and Pratt City develop the tract of land into a playground and recreation center. Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Virginia

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FOR NEGROES SET MAY 12 1943
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For Carver

NEW YORK, N. Y. — A local law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to street names was introduced by the Rev. A. Clayton Powell Jr., in the City Council last week.

The local law is aimed at providing a permanent monument to the memory of the great agricultural chemist of Tuskegee Institute, Dr. George Washington Carver.

The law selected by Councilman Powell is strategically located at Macombs Bridge which connects the Bronx with Manhattan where 7th avenue joins 155th street.

PARKS EQUIPPED

It is a triangle of two city blocks already equipped with park benches but, as yet, without a name. It is bounded on the north by the bridge on the west by Macombs Place, on the east by Seventh avenue and on the south by 153d street and the Harlem River Project Houses.

Dr. Powell has chosen to introduce this legislation at this particular time because this is Brotherhood Month, it was Race Relations Week and the period between the Great Emancipator's birthday and the birth of the father of our democracy. It is thought that this legislation has very good chances of being passed. If so, it is to be hoped that it will become a law by April, the birthday of the late scientist.

April 23, 1943

Park Board Makes Plans

Endorse Negro Community House

The Parks & Recreation Commission meeting today in regular session gave full endorsement to plans for the construction of a community house and soldiers' center on the Pearl Street Negro park area. The commission authorized Charles A. Stone, chairman, to proceed with the development of plans for the structure so that the commission may have details before its next meeting.

Preliminary discussion of features of the building indicated that it would be a structure with about 3,000 square feet of floor space, designed as a community and soldier's center.

The commission also considered, during its meeting, held at Tenner's Restaurant, plans to appoint an advisory committee composed of representative Negro citizens, to supervise the development and possibly management of the area. A number of leading Negro citizens were mentioned as possible members of this advisory committee, but the commission took no action regarding their appointment at today's session.

A full scale recreation program for playgrounds and parks this summer also was presented to the Commission for approval.

The program, calling for supervised activities at eleven white centers and seven Negro centers, was outlined by Harry Sutton, recreation superintendent, and Mrs. Mary Brackman Sills, recreation director, and was presented by Mr. Sutton to members of the Park Board for their approval.

The recommendations to the Board include employment of a staff of 35 leaders, 22 white and thirteen Negro. The personnel would also include a white and Negro supervisor, a white and Negro athletic director and a white director of league and tournament play. One of the Negro playground leaders will direct this phase of the program among Negroes.

Subject to the Board's approval, supervised play activities will be conducted at the following parks and school playgrounds: Independence Park, Latta Park, Cordelia Park, Piedmont Courts, Bethune, North Charlotte, Wesley Heights, Zeb Vance, Glenwood, and athletic fields at Harding and Tech High Schools and Independence and Latta Parks. Negro play centers would be at Myers Street School and Second Ward athletic field, Morgan Park, Alexander Street School, Biddleville, Fairview Homes, Isabella Wyche School, and West Charlotte High School.

Columbia Record

March 1, 1943

Mayor Asks Citizens' Aid For Community Centers

Mayor Fred D. Marshall is today asking men's and women's organizations to cooperate with the City of Columbia in supervising the community center activities.

"We have a good program for entertainments at seven community houses," Mayor Marshall said. "But we would like leaders of clubs and club members to visit and see what the young people are doing."

Mayor Marshall and other city officials visit the square dances and other parties every week, but they would like the citizens also to become acquainted with the city park program.

It is being suggested that various civic organizations appoint committees to be responsible for certain

Durham, N. C. Morning Herald
July 4, 1943

Negro Playgrounds Of City Celebrate July 4th Tomorrow

Champions Will Be Crowned In Number Of Athletic Events

The Negro playgrounds operated by the City Recreation Department will celebrate the Fourth of July on Monday by staging the finals in horseshoes, checkers, and a field meet at the Hillside Park. Preliminaries have been run off on each playground and playground champions have been crowned. Each playground is sending its champions to compete in the finals. To the winner in each event will go the title of City playground champion and the Recreation Department is awarding appropriate ribbons. Champions from Burton, East End, Lyon Park, Pearson, Whitted, and Hillside playgrounds will compete. The program will begin at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Much interest is being shown in the finals, especially in the horseshoe pitching contest, it was stated. Last year's champion, James Allen of the East End playground, is not defending his title, making this event a wide-open one. Most of the other champions will be on hand to defend their titles. As a special feature of the day the East End Tigers will play a double-header in softball meeting Whitted playground, and then the West End Tigers of Lyon Park, their arch rivals for softball supremacy, play ground officials stated.

Mayor Asks Citizens' Aid For Community Centers

communities on certain weeks. Square dances and military dance parties are held each week in Valleys Park, Arsenal Hill Community Center, Earlewood Park and Sims Park and at two Negro Community houses.

At one park visited by Mayor Marshall last week, 250 young people were being supervised.

Birmingham, Ala. Age-Herald

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The Union Cincinnati, Ohio RECREATION CENTER

SEP 2 1943
Cleveland, O. Commission work will begin soon of a 76,000 recreation

building at Fairfield-Osborn in Greene County, northeast of Dayton, Ohio, where the problem of overcrowding has become acute.

The Federal Government has approved allocation of that amount for the building and equipment out of Lanham Act funds.

Proctor said Fairfield-Osborn has been one of the hardest hit communities in the Ohio-Michigan-Kentucky region, with the sudden and overwhelming influx of war workers and service men at Patterson and Wright Fields, with a heavy demand upon the community for housing, food, entertainment and other facilities.

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Playground Institute For Durham Negroes To Start Tomorrow

J. W. Davidson Will Serve As Supervisor For Annual Program

The annual Playground Leadership Institute for the workers of the Negro playgrounds to be held June 7-9 under the auspices of the City Recreation Department will be held at the Hillside High School. All applicants for playground positions are expected to attend these sessions, starting at 4 o'clock.

J. W. Davidson, supervisor of the Negro playgrounds, will serve as director of the institute.

The first meeting will be as follows: "Purpose of the Recreation Institute"—J. W. Davidson; "The Need of a Physical Fitness Program," H. H. Riddick, Hillside High School; "First Aid on the Playground," L. W. Midgett, Hillside High School; "Folk Dancing," Mrs. ground Policies," J. B. McLendon, North Carolina State College for Negroes; "Handicraft (Painting Pictures on Glass)," Mrs. E. D. Dunlap, Durham County Recreation and Recreational Services; "The Importance of Rules Badminton," J. H. Malloy, "Soft Ball," J. E. Payne, director of city softball; "Useful Games," D. C. Watson, director, night.